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THE NOOKSACK FILBERT

MARY

About 1886 Peter Gillies, an Englishman settled near Nooksack, Washington. Remembering the good Filbert of his native land, and noting a similarity of climate here, he had his relatives "back home" in County Kent, England, send him some of his favorite nuts. He planted them and as a result had about a half acre of Filbert bushes in orchard form. These, having been grown from nuts were all seedlings, and on that account not true to type, most of them bearing very small nuts.

In 1924 when we made our first planting of Filberts there were only three bushes of the original orchard left. One of these bushes, we noted, was producing a fine looking nut of good flavor and size and with a thin shell. Taking a chance that it might prove valuable we set out 28 sprouts from this choice bush in our first commercial planting. Their good behavior ever since, hardiness of tree, heavy bearing habits, and the fact that it has proved to be a first class pollenizer for DuChilly, have recommended it so highly that now it is considered our very best variety. This is attested by our present practice of setting two Nooksack trees to one DuChilly, with a sprinkling of Alpha. We have 23 acres of young orchards set in this way. The tree growth is much the same as the DuChilly and we have never lost a tree.

The nuts are mostly self husking, are about the same size as DuChilly, but more nearly round with no crease in the side. They have the same thinness of shell and the meats weigh out about the same number of ounces to the pound. The DuChilly is a fair pollenizer for the Nooksack and this, plus the Alpha and Gasoway do the trick very well indeed. Four, three and two year trees are available from

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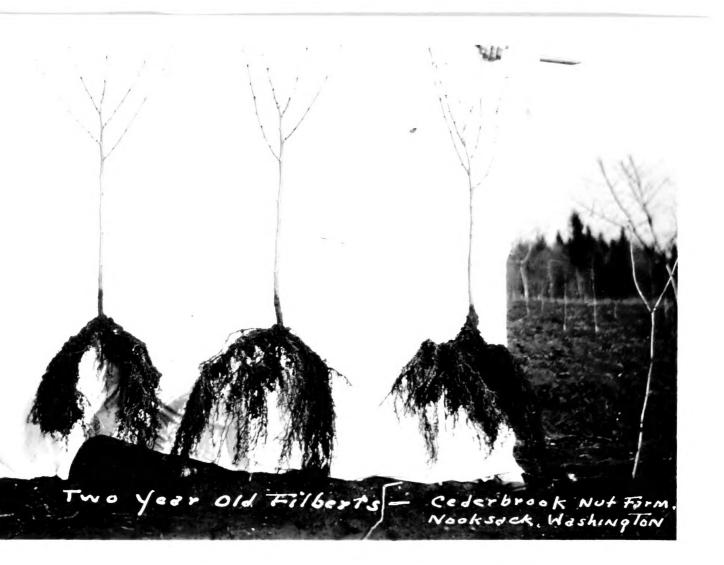
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